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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
March 2011 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Runge's Ramblings

Here we go again, with some Minnesota coalition for the prevention of closed head injuries due to the lack of wearing a helmet while riding etc, etc, etc. What it boils down to is a minority trying to get the majority to comply with their wishes. How do they do this - by lobbying big brother to pass a mandatory helmet law. While I have nothing against wearing a helmet, which I usually do, I am against big brother taking away another one of my freedoms, the freedom of choice. Whether it's the freedom to smoke or not to smoke, drink or stay dry, drive a car or a pickup, wear a helmet or go without, I still want the freedom to choose. I don't need some bleeding heart do-gooder, who has unfortunately lost a loved one for the lack of wearing a helmet taking away another one of my freedoms by making me wear one. They've taken away our right to discipline our children by not spanking, the right of the teachers to keep order in their classrooms (my grade school teacher used to rap me on the knuckles at least one a week) with a no physical discipline policy, where will it stop? In response to their lobbying let's get those letters and e-mails going to our respective representatives and try to keep one of our dwindling freedoms. Thank you and I will see you at the next meeting.

Gary Runge
Director

February 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Gary Runge, Director.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Runge.

Dealership news: Heartthrob specials good through Monday Feb. 14.

The annual Rochester Bike Show and Swap Meet will be held Feb. 26, 2011 at the Civic Center. For questions contact Jake at Rochester Harley Davidson, 258-9050.

Treasury report: Ron Brewster: Starting balance was \$12,712.45. Ending balance is \$11,757.91.

Activity Officer: Tony Haimes announced that dinner rides will be the 1st Tues of each month, instead of Thursday.

March 1 there is a dinner ride to Godfather's Pizza. March 8 will be at Old Tyme Café in Chatfield for the birthday ride in March.

For reservations to these dinner rides or birthday rides please contact the person coordinating the event. Also, please observe the deadline to sign up for events. Thank you.

For other March calendar events see the last pages of the monthly newsletter.

Newsletter: Jeff Williams needs people to volunteer for member interviews for the newsletter. Please email Jeff at jeff1851@charter.net.

Non-Hog Trip: Feb. 17-18, Harley Davidson Museum/IH Case Tour. This is a visit to Milwaukee, WI to visit the Harley Davidson museum and tour the IH Case Plant. For questions and reservations contact Ray Henselin at 259-2160.

H.O.T. Training: The deadline to sign up for Harley Owners Group Officer Training is March 4. The dates are March 18 and 19, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI. Seven members are allowed to go. See Gary Runge for forms.

Raffle Tickets: We will hopefully have the raffle tickets for the annual fundraiser by the March 12 meeting. If interested in selling tickets, Gary Runge will personally deliver them to your home. The club voted to increase the limit of tickets to 1500.

Cancer Ride Committee: Tom and Kari Sczepanski, Roger and Barb Pike, Glen and Cheryl Roberts, Frank Vondrashek, Gordon Haubenschild, Dean Anderson and Cynthia Day O'Brien and Cindy Fawcett.

Rochester Harley Davidson open house and raffle ticket drawing will be held Oct. 15, 2011.

The date for the Cancer Ride is June 4, 2011. We are in need of volunteers.

It was suggested that each member could donate a \$10.00 gift certificate. Another suggestion was that each rider to obtain \$100.00 on a pledge card would get a free ticket to ride and the dinner that day. The cost will be \$20.00 for the rider and \$15.00 for the passenger.

Membership: Mary Hamilton: Dues were due in Jan. You are still able to renew at this time. Please add your birth date when signing in so we can acknowledge you the month of your birthday. Each and every one of you are important to SE MN HOG so please update your membership if you haven't done so. If you are a "snowbird", let me know if you are going to pay your dues when you retire to frigid Minnesota!! After the next meeting in March, anyone who hasn't paid their dues will be removed from the membership list.

New members are Gary Bolin, Dennis and Marcene Maas, Dana Inman, Craig McKay and Mary Stewart. Welcome new members!

Members celebrating 10 years with H.O.G are Barb Butturff and Renae Born, Congrats!

Insurance update: Frank Fawcett has been in contact with Lisa Squire from Milwaukee WI regarding insurance issues for H.O.G. members during a ride.

It is ok to plan a ride to a bar, however if members are going to consume alcohol, the ride needs to be called as over. Frank will have more information on this at future meetings.

Please remember when members are out in public and consuming alcohol, wearing patches from S.E. MN HOG and Harley colors, we are representing our club. Thank you.

Ladies of Harley: Chili feed today after the meeting. The cost is \$5.00 per bowl to taste and vote for the number one chili. After March 12 meeting we will have a bake sale. Members please contribute and we shall have a mix and match sale. Contact Julie Williams at williams1851@charter.net with questions.

Safety officer: Rick Skaran: It is supposed to get to 40 degrees next week so please ride safely.

Channel One Donations: Pam Skaran: We will be pulling the barrel from inside the Harley Davidson shop. Cash donations are still welcome. See Pam for this.

Gordon Haubenschild stated that he is interested in bringing American Red Cross to Rochester for CPR Made Simple. They would offer AED training, Choking and Rescue breathing. Road Captains are encouraged to attend on April 9. Everyone is welcome. A fee of \$15.00 would be charged.

The chapter would like to offer a huge thank you to Fred Carlson for sharing his slide show of his adventures with us.

Respectfully submitted by Patty-ann Haimes, Secretary

Activity Officer Notes

If you are going out for a ride and looking for folks to ride with, send an email to semnhog@gmail.com and Tony will forward it to the group. Include how others can contact you if they have questions.

Tony Haimes
Activity Officer

Editor Notes

All input for newsletter should be submitted no later than the 20th of the month to make the next newsletter. Please make a statement in subject line as to content. If you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for a future newsletter, please e-mail or give Jeff Williams a call.

Thank you all for your support and input for the newsletter. You all help make this a good monthly newsletter.

Please also consider submitting information for the “Meet Other HOG Members” section of the newsletter. Contact Jeff for the questionnaire or just write up your story and send it to Jeff.

You may submit articles to jeff1851@charter.net.

Jeff Williams
Newsletter Editor

Webmaster Notes

When submitting info for web site, please include all info needed such as pictures and events plus make a statement in subject line as to content. If you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for content on web site, please e-mail or give Roger a call.

Thank you all for your support and input for the web site. You all help to make this a good web site that will keep us all informed and help promote SE MN H.O.G. Club

You may submit input, pictures, events, etc. to rogerhd69@gmail.com.

Roger Hamilton
Webmaster

Meet Other HOG Members



This month, we meet Paul Spier, Nadeen Keach, and Dennis Maas.

Paul Spier and Nadeen Keach (nicknames are left for private discussions☺).

Paul and Nadeen will be married in Key West on 21 Oct 2011. Paul has a son, Matt-17, who is an amazing golfer. Nadeen has two kids: Ryan-13 and Sydney-11. Both Ryan and Sydney are snowboard buffs and like to run. Ryan plays baseball, football and wrestles and

Sydney is an avid year-round soccer player.

Though they spend a lot of time attending kid activities, they also enjoy meeting up with friends for a coffee, cocktail, a ride etc. Paul is also an amazing golfer (like father like son ☺) so let's just say that the summers can be really short when trying to find time to ride, golf, go boating etc.

In addition to riding, Nadeen likes to run and water ski - she has been known to also scuba, skydive and downhill ski in the past. Paul and Nadeen enjoy travelling and going out for sushi and simply enjoying a day/night at home playing games or sitting by the fire pit.

They are relatively new members to the club and are not always able to come to the meetings or hook up for the planned rides – did I mention kid activities?

Paul and Nadeen are both in sales. Paul works for Boston Scientific and Nadeen is employed with Quintiles Laboratories headquartered in Atlanta. Both work from their homes.

Paul rides a fat boy and Nadeen rides a deuce. They enjoy riding because it is calming and energizing at the same time.

Their favorite ride was going to Sturgis in 2010 with friends. Locally, they enjoy all of the rides that they take simply because they do not get to go as often as they would like - did I mention kid activities?

When asked the most stupid thing they ever did on a bike, Nadeen said, "We manage to do stupid things all the time – we really try to forget those moments. Funny how easy it is to forget day to day things, but those stupid moments are locked down in the brain cavity!"

The most irritating thing they see other bikers doing is throttling around churches or places that are intended to be serene or quiet.

Nadeen and Paul hope to be able to enjoy more rides in the coming years.

Dennis and Marcene Maas

Usually, I hand out the questionnaire for these articles, get a response back, and pretty much just type in the story. In the case of Dennis and Marcene Maas, I actually spent quite a bit of time talking to them at the Chili Cook Off. They are very friendly and carry on an enjoyable, and often humorous, conversation.



Dennis and Marcene lived in a number of places. Dennis manages coop elevators. They lived in Williamsburg, Burlington, Greatenger, Akron, and Ocheyedan.

Dennis and Marcene have a daughter Andrea who lives with her husband Adam in Cedar Rapids. Andrea and Adam are parents of two of Dennis and Marcene's grandchildren with another on the way. Dennis and Marcene's son Aaron lives in North Carolina.

On the picture are Dennis and Marcene and their dog named Angus. They told me that they have taken Angus on the bike for a ride and Angus enjoys it quite a bit. Also in the picture is their 2008 Electra Glide Classic in white and silver. The nickname (and license plate number) for the bike is DAMHOG, which is Dennis' initials and HOG.

Dennis' first bike was a 1967 Honda 350. His favorite bike was a 1973 Norton 850 Command.



Dennis and Marcene like riding because it is something they can do together. They also like meeting new friends. Besides biking, Dennis also enjoys golfing and hunting.

Their favorite ride was a 2008 trip to the Tail of the Dragon with eight other couples. They don't have a favorite local ride yet, but did say that they enjoyed the Ronald McDonald Cruise very much last year.

I asked Dennis the most stupid thing he did on a bike. Dennis told a story of coasting downhill on Iron Mountain Road in the Black Hills. He put it in neutral and coasted, only to find out that the brakes weren't quite enough to get him stopped at the bottom of the hill.

Dennis put only one item on the questionnaire, but Marcene told me a few others. You can ask her about a bill that arrived in the mail for a new fairing that Dennis failed to mention to her!

Dennis dislikes other riders who show off.

Chapter Events and Rides Photos



Cynthia Day O'Brien sent in this photo of Dean Anderson. She said, "Could not resist sending this your way. For the newsletter? He actually won first place at the People of WalMart party last weekend. Note that he is sporting a HD cap!"

Considering the Green Bay Packers' victory in the Super Bowl, I thought this would be an appropriate picture for this month. I promise that if the local team ever wins the Super Bowl (and I am still alive), I will put a picture of a suitable bike in the newsletter.



The 2011 Chili Cook Off



First Place - Bob Anderson

Second Place (tie) – Steve Koball and Jim Ertelt



Chapter Events and Rides

- February 26th [Rochester Bike Show & Swap Meet @ Mayo Civic Center](#)
Call (507) 288-9050 for more information and sign-up
- March 8th **March Birthday Ride – 2011**
Name of the Ride: Old Tymers Thursday
Theme: Wear your OLDEST motorcycle T-shirt
Where we are celebrating: Old Tyme Café in Chatfield. Dinner 6:00 PM. Birthdays for Julie, Sig and Fred
- March 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, [Bake sale @ Rochester Harley](#) following meeting. Questions contact [Julie Williams](#) Breakfast at Hy-Vee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting.
- March 26th-27th [Donnie Smith Bike Show](#)
- April 2nd April Fools Ride! Ride leader Steve Liggett. Time and Route TBD
- April 9th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at Hy-Vee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to Road Trip - Dover for lunch , ride leader Tony Haimes.
- April 9th (Red Cross CPR training more info to follow)
- April 16th [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- April 27th **April Birthday Ride – 2011**
Name of the Ride: King's Place
Theme: Leon "The Legend" B-Day Party Ride
Where we are celebrating: King's Place in Miesville. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstand up at 5:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM.
Birthdays for Jeff, Keith, Pam, Leon, Bill and Bill
Ride leader Jim Ertelt
- May 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting trash pickup, bike blessing, ride to LeRoy and IA loop, ride leader Tony Larimer
- May 21st Ride to Red Wing and Wabasha more info to follow. Ride leader Don Mitchell
- June 4th HOG Ride Against Cancer Charity Event at RHD. Registration at 9:00 A.M. More info to follow
- June 11th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to the Irish Shanty in Gunder IA, ride leader Tony Larimer.
- June 12th Bike Blessing then ride to Mound MN and around Lake Minnetonka Led by Tony Haimes. More info to follow
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- June 17th - 18th** [MN State H.O.G. Rally](#)
- June 18th** **Ride to Decorah, IA MaCaffery's Dolce Vita. Ride lead by Frank Vondrashek**
- June 23rd - 25th** [WI State H.O.G. Rally](#)
- July 8th - 10th** [Hot Harley Nights Sioux Falls SD](#) (non-H.O.G. event)
- July 9th** **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to**
- July 9th - 10th** **Over night ride to Lumberjack Steakhouse & Lodge, 15820 W. 1st St., Hayward, WI. For Reservations call 715-634-4211. Ride leader Tony Larimer. (More info to follow)**
- July 16th** **Ride to Rushford Ice cream. Ride leader Don Mitchell**
- July 16th - 17th** [IA State Rally](#)
- July 24th** [The "Cruise" 2011.](#) (11th Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- July 30th** **Ride to Galena, IL. Ride leader Eric Thorn. (More info to follow)**
- August 8th - 14th** **Sturges (info only non-H.O.G. event)**
- August 13th** **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to Stage coach ride at Mantorville. Ride leader to Mantorville is Jim Ertelt.**
- August 20th** **Sheriff's Posse ride (info only non-H.O.G. event)**
- August 20th** **Leather&Pipe Cancer Ride -Pine Island (info only non-H.O.G. event)**
- September 3rd** **Ride to Galena, IL. Ride leader Jim Ertelt. (More info to follow)**
- September 10th** **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting trash pickup and ride to Hanson's Holdup, ride leader Gordon Haubenschild.**
- September 16th -18th** **Tomahawk WI ride (More info to follow)**
- October 8th** **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to Grand Dad's Bluff in Lacrosse, ride leader leader Frank Vondrashek**
- October 15th** **RHD Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing**
- November 5th** **Freeze Your Butt Ride, ride leader Roger Hamilton. (more info to follow)**
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November 12th

Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, (Election Nominations).
Breakfast at HyVee South @7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the
meeting. After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.

December 10th

Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, (Elections). Breakfast at
HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting.

All dates are subject to change or cancellation. Notification will be sent out if there are
changes. Questions contact [Roger Hamilton](#)



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